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Anniversary

With this issue of COINS AND CHATTER we start our fifth consecutive year of its publication.

While it is primarily a house organ, we have tried to make it interesting and educational. From a sales standpoint it has been most successful; this we can determine from your orders.

The question in mind is - are we publishing the type of articles that are helpful and appeal to you?

Approximately one-third of the space in COINS AND CHATTER is devoted to non-commercial use. We want to use this space to the best advantage, which is to please our customers and readers. The only way we can do this is for you to let us know what you think of the articles we publish.

We are not looking for bouquets. As a matter of fact, we would rather hear from those who are not satisfied in order to know what we can do to please them.

It is our intention to make COINS AND CHATTER a source of pleasure as well as a sales medium. Your comments and wishes will be both helpful and appreciated.

We are continually looking for new and different type articles on numismatics which will be appeal to the general collector.

If you have a story about coins, collectors, or anything numismatic, we would certainly appreciate your sending it to us.

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	(possession series bales)

ELECTRUM - COTNAGE'S FIRST ALLOY METAL

As the Ancients tell it - a learned man chased a goat up a hill and found electrum, nature's gift of gold and silver for making man's first coins. This river gold mixed with a considerable percentage of silver, first came from Sardis.

In the seventh century B. C. the Lydia monarchs began to issue stamped money of electrum, using the metal in its natural form, then later adding a fifth of silver to gold for its manufacture. For some time, until silver was first minted at Aegina, all the coinage of the world consisted of stamped pellets of electrum, and no doubt unstamped bars of gold and silver circulated with them.

This mixed metal had two important advantages over pure gold in circulation, in that it was more durable with the proportionate value of gold to silver being about thirteen to one, and electrum being of threequarters the value of gold, each coin of electrum equalling the equivalent of ten silver bars of the same weight, eliminating carrying bulk weight.

Croesus is known to have first introduced coined money of gold and silver in place of electrum. Back in those ancient days, the Greeks claimed that they invented electrum and were quite perturbed over the fact that the Lydians boasted it was their discovery, No world problem was so heatedly discussed, and even today there is no positive

proof as to which of the claimants deserve the nod.

It is not to be forgotten that electrum and its alloy was a natural one, and that there were no means of ensuring that the different places be similar, and an analysis of the ancient pieces showed that great degrees of variation were found in the proportion of gold to silver. Too, it was not an exaggeration to think that the bankers who wanted to facilitate the circulation of their own stocks of precious metal, would naturally be against too much use of electrum. It's easily understood how gold and silver came to be minted senarately.

Crossus of Lydia (561 B. C.)struck electrum at the beginning of his reign, but abandoned it in favor of the double system of gold and silver.

The ancient process of minting was very simple. One engraved die was let into an anvil, another in the end of a metal bir. Between the two was placed a blank, roughly cast into the required phane and size, and heated red hot. A single governments of obscure cities and blow of a heavy hammer on the upper people, of whom other remains are end of the bar usually finished the not known. - Clarence Fink

UNITED STATES DIMES

1838 I	ine 75¢; Very Fine	1.0	
1838	O, Good 1.25; Very Good	2.	50
1839	V. Fine 1.00; Br. Unc	3 . 5	50
TQ39,	1840 O Mints, V.Gd, ea	- 1	5
T070	No drapery, Very Fine	1.	25
181.7	Drapery, Very Good	1.	00
1841	Good 35¢; Very Fine	T.	20
	O, Good 35¢; Very Good O Mint, About Unc	2 (าก
	V. Good 40¢; Fine	۷ - ۱	75
	Practically Unc	2.1	00
1842	0. V. Good 506: V. Fine	1.	25
1843	Very Good 50¢; About Unc.	2.0	00
1844	Very Good 50¢; About Unc. V. Good 6.00, Fine]	.0.	00
1845	Brilliant Uncirculated	3.0	00
1845	Very Good 50¢; About Unc	1.	75
1846	Scarce, Very God	3	50
1847	Very Good 1.00; Fineplus Very Good 1.00; V. Fine	2.	50
1848	Very Good 1.00; V. Fine	2.	50
1849 1850	Prilliant Uncirculated	2.	50
1850	Very Good 50¢; About Unc. Brilliant Uncirculated Very Good 50¢; Very Fine.	7	20
1850	O Mint, V. Good, scarce	2	00
1851	Very Fine]	00
1852	Uncirculated	2.	50
1853	No arrows. Very Fine	7.	50
1853	No arrows, Very Good Arrows, Brilliant Unc	3.	50
1853	Arrows, Brilliant Unc	3.	00
1853	Arr. V. Good 35¢; V.Fine. Fine plus	•	75
1854	Fine plus		50
1854	O Mint, die break, Fine	1.	25
1855	Practically Unc	2.	00
1856 1856	Sm. date, Brill. PROOF	2	50
1856	Sm.D, V.Gd 50¢; Br.Unc Lg. D. V.Fine 1.25; Br.Un.	1.	20
	O Mint, Extremely Fine		
1857	Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	3.	00
1857	O Mint, Brilliant Urc	3.	00
1857	0, V. Gd.50¢; F to V.F	1.	00
1858	Fine 60¢; Brill. Unc	3.	00
1858	9 Mint, Fine	3.	00
	Brilliant Proof		
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	Brilliant Uncirculated		
1861		70.	50
1861 1862		7	50
1862		3.	,00
1862		1.	.50
1863	Brilliant Proof	7.	.50
1864	Fine 3.50; Brill. Proof	9.	00
1865	S Mint, Fine	5.	00
1866	Brilliant Proof	10.	00
1867	S Mint, Very Good		
1868			
1869		(.	
1870		6	00,
1871 1872	Fine 1.00; Brill. Proof Abt. Unc 2.50; Br. Proof	6	00
1873	No. Ar. Ab. Unc 2.00; B. Pr		
1873		5	,00
1874	Arrows, Brilliant Proof	6.	
1871		1.	.50
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ELECTRUM - COINAGES (Continued)

coin, which was then removed by a pair of tongs.

The electrum coins furnished valuable clues to the names and

UNITED STATES DIMES

1875	V. Fine 75¢; Brill.Proof.	5.00
1875	CC, V. Gd 50¢; V. Fine	1.00
	Br. Unc 2.00; Br. Proof	
1876	Fine 50¢; Ext. Fine	1.00
1876	CC, V. Gd. 35; Fine	.60
1877	CC, V. Gd 35¢; Unc	2.50
1878	Brilliant Proof	4.00
1879	Brilliant Proof	4.00
1880	Br. Unc 3.50; Br. Proof	5.00
1881	Brilliant Proof	7.50
1882	Brilliant Proof	3.50
1882	Fine plus 50¢; Br. Unc	1.75
1883	Brilliant Proof	3.50
	Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	
1884	Brilliant Proof	
1884	Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	1.75
1885	Br. Unc 1.75; Br. Proof	
1886	Brilliant Proof	3-50
	V. Fine 50¢; Br. Unc	
1887	Brilliant Proof	
1	V. Fine 50¢; Brill.Unc	
1887	S Mint, Brilliant Unc	
1887	S Mint, Fine 75¢; V.Fine.	1.00
1888		3.50
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1889	Brilliant Proof	3.50
1889	V. Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	1.75
1890		
1891	Brilliant Proof	3.75
1891	V. Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	1.75
	O Mint, Brilliant Unc	
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	V. Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc O Mint, Brilliant Unc	
	BARBER TYPE DIMES	
92	First year, Brill. Proof.	
192	Brilliant Uncirculated	
192	0, V. Gd 50¢; Br. Und	7.50
193	Br. Unc. 3.00; Br. Proof	5.00
194	Br. Unc. 4.00; Brill. Pf.	
395	Brilliant Proof	
395	S Mint, Very Fine	
396	V. Fine 1.00; Br.Proof	
397	Br. Unc. 2.50; Br. Proof	
398	Brilliant Proof	5.00
398	V. Fine 75¢; Brill.Unc	
399	Br. Unc. 2.50; Br. Proof	5.00
900	Br. Unc. 2.50; Br. Proof	
900	S Mint, Very Fine	
901	Brilliant Proof	
901	Fine plus 75¢; Br.Unc	
901	S Mint, Very Good	
901	O Mint, About Unc	
902	Brilliant Proof	5.00
902	V. Fine plus 75¢; Br.Unc.	
902	S Mint, Good to V. Good	1.25
902	O Mint, Fine plus	2.00
903	Unc. 2.50; Brill. Proof	
904	Brilliant Proof	
90h		2.50
905 905	Br. Unc. 2.50; Br. Proof	
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906 906	Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc	
906 906	O Mint, Brilliant Unc	2.50
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1907 V. Fine 50¢; Br. Unc.... 2.25

1907 O Mint, Brilliant Unc.... 2.75

1908 V. Fine 50¢; Brill. Unc.. 2.25

1908 S Mint, About Unc..... 3.50

1908 D Mint, Fine 75¢; Br. Unc. 2.50

1909 Fine 35¢; Brill. Unc.... 2.25 1909 O Mint, Brill. Unc..... 4.00

1908 Brilliant Proof.....

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UNITED STATES DIMES
1910 S Mint, Brill. Unc 6.00
1911 Brilliant Proof 5.00
1911 Abt. Unc 1.25; Brill.Unc. 2.00
1911 D Mint, Fine 75¢; Br. Unc. 3.00
1912 Brilliant Proof 4.50
1912 Abt. Unc 1.00; Br. Unc 2.00
1912 S, Fine 1.00; Brill. Unc. 7.50
1912 D, Fine 60¢; Brill. Unc 2.50
1913 Brilliant Proof 7.50
1913 V. Fine 75¢; Brill. Unc. 2.50
1914 Brill. Unc (cat. \$4.50) 2.75
1011 C Mint Tine
1914 S Mint, Fine 1.00
1914 D Mint, Brilliant Unc 2.50
1915 Br. Unc. 3.50; Br. Proof15.00
1916 Very Fine 50¢; Brill.Unc. 2.00
1916 S Mint, Ab. Unc 1.25; B. Un 2.50
MERCURY HEAD DIMES
1916 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.00
1916 S Mint, Brilliant Unc 1.50
1016 D. WANTED Will now 67 Co
1916 D, WANTED, Will pay67.50

1910 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.00
1916 S Mint, Brilliant Unc 1.50
1916 D, WANTED, Will pay67.50
for choice Unc. specimens.
1917 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.50
1917 S Mint, Brilliant Unc 2.00
1917 D, WANTED, will pay 6.75 Unc.
1918 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50
1918 S Mint, Brilliant Unc 6.00
1918 D Mint, Brilliant Unc10.00
1919 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75
1919 S and D WANTED. I will pay
\$10.00 each for Uncirculated
1920 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.50

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1920	S Mint, Brilliant Unc 7.50
1920	D Mint, Brilliant Unc 7.50
1921	WANTED, paying \$37.50
1921	D Mint, Brilliant Unc20.00
1921	P or D, Very Good, each75
1923	Brilliant Uncirculated 2.00
1923	S, WANTED, paying \$9.00
1924	Brilliant Uncirculated 3.50
1924	S Mint, WANTED, paying \$7.50
1924	D Mint, Brilliant Ur 6.75
1925	Brilliant Uncirculated 2.50
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1931 Brilliant Uncirculated... 1.50 1931 S Mint, Brilliant Unc.... 3.00

1931 D Mint, Brilliant Unc.... 2.00

1934 Brilliant Uncirculated... .60

1934 D Mint, Brilliant Unc.... .75

1935 Brilliant Uncirculated... .40 1935 S Mint, Brilliant Unc.... .75

1936 Br. Unc 40¢; Br. Proof.... 6.00

1935 D Mint, Brilliant Unc ...:

1936 S Mint, Brilliant Unc....

1936 D Mint, Brilliant Unc....

1931 P S and D WANTED

UNITED STATES DIMES

1937 Br. Unc 40¢; Br. Proof3.50 1937 S Mint, Brilliant Unc60
1937 D Mint, Brilliant Unc40
1938 Br. Unc 40¢; Brill. Proof 2.00
1938 S Mint, Brilliant Unc60
1938 D Mint, Brilliant Unc40
1939 Br. Unc 35¢; Brill. Proof 2.00
1939 S Mint, Brilliant Unc60
1939 D Mint, Brilliant Unc40
1940 Br. Unc 35¢; Br. Proof 1.50
1940 S or D Mint, Br. Unc, ea35
1941 Br. Unc 35¢; Br. Proof 1.50
1941 S or D Mint, Br. Unc, ea35
1942 over 41, Brilliant Unc. 25.00
1942/41, Practically Unc15.00
1942/41 V.F. 5.00; Ext.Fine 7.50
1942 Br. Unc 25¢; Br. Proof 1.50
1942 S or D Mint, Br. Unc, ea25
1943 P S or D, Br. Unc each25
1944 P S or D, Br. Unc each25
1945 P S or D, Br. Unc each25

ROOSEVELT DIMES

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1.50	1883 – 1884 –	-	3.50 4.00
2.00 .60 .75	1885 1886 1887 over 6		5.00 4.50 27.50
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60			\$16.75

.60 perfect gems, only.....\$16.75

When we go back in history a few hundred years, we find that all through the medieval period and the middle ages, there were money lenders. In time there came to be an extensive banking and moneylending business throughout Europe. It had its beginning in Italy where a group of merchants called the Lombards built up an extensive business, later followed by the Tuscan and German bankers.

The famous banking house of Tuggers at Augsburg, Germany, and the Florentine bank of the Medici, are examples of a number of fifteenth century firms engaged in what is known today as international banking or finance. The most important clients of these early bankers were the rulers of European states who required large sums of money on short notice to equip and pay armies or for government and court expenses.

Edward III of England began the hundred years war on money borrowed from the bankers of Florence, Italy, but he ruined the bankers by disowning his debt to them. Feudal lords and ecclesiastical lords who built monastories and great cathedrals, borrowed money for the purpose. Later in the fifteenth century loans were made for productive purposes.

There is a street in London called Lombard Street, named after the Lombards who came to England in the fourteenth century to buy wool for export to Italy, and also to collect the Papal revenues; the drawing of bills of exchange was a natural by-product. This street where they did business is London's money market today. — Pelbe

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Very Fine20.00
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Very Fine
1919 10 Pesos. Ext. Fine30.00
Very Fine
Uncirculated15.00
CUBA 1916 4 Pesos, Unc15.00
1916 2 Pesos, Uncirculated 7.50
FRANCE (1380-1422) Ecu d'or of
Charles VI. Choice V. Fine17.50
1635 Ecu d'or of Louis XIII.
Extremely Fine15.00
1642 Half Louis d'or of Louis XIII.
Extremely Fine15.00
1643 Louis d'or of Louis XIII.
Choice Uncirculated35.00
1653 Louis d'or of Louis XIV, Choice
Very Fine25.00
1749 Louis d'or of Louis XV,
Very Fine22.50 GREAT ERITAIN 1772 Rose Guinea,
Practically Uncirculated22.50
1789 Spade Guinea, Unc25.00
1802 1/3 Guinea, Very Fine 7.50
1813 Military Guinea. Used to pay
off Wellington's troops. Unc30.00
GREECE 1833 20 Drachma, head of
Prince Otto. Ext. Fine22.50
1876 20 Drachm, About Unc17.50
GUATEMALA 10 Pesos, head of Carrera.
Extremely Fine
1874 5 Pesos, Unc, rare35.00
HUNGARY 1696 Ducat of Leopold I.
Extremely Fine17.50
ITALY 1905 100 Lire (\$20.00 size)
Head of Emanuel III. Unc100.00
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of Franz Joseph II. Uncircula ted
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1946 10 Francs, same type, Unc. 15.00
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MEXICO 1874 20 Pesos (\$20.00 size) Practically Uncirculated.....25.00 MOMACO 1895 100 Francs, V. F. .85.00 PAPAL STATES 1866 100 Lire (\$20.00 size) Bust of Pope Pius IX. Practically Uncirculated and

PRUSSIA 1888 20 Marks, head of

months. Very Fine plus......12.50

A violent, ruthless dictator ruled the Argentine Pampas over a century ago.

Juan Manuel de Rosas was born on March 30, 1793 at 94 Sarmiento St., Buenos Aires, Argentina. His father was Leon Ortiz de Rosas; his mother Agustine López de Osornio.

At the age of nine he entered one of the best schools in Buenos Aires. Two years later, on August 12, 1806, he participated in the reconquest of Buenos Aires from the British. At an early age he left home and entered in the meatsalting and packing business, and raised live-stock. He lived and worked with his employees. He abominated drunkenness, idleness, and theft.

In December 1829 he was elected Governor and Captain-General of the Province of Buenos Aires by the legislature. He served for one and a half years, then resigned to fight Indians in the southern part of the province. He again assumed post of governor in 1835, with dictatorial powers. His Federalists carried on a never-ending warfare with the Unitarians. Opponents of Rosas had their property confiscated, were hunted down and killed, or forced to flee into exile.

During his regime he had foreign, as well as domestic troubles, with France, England, United States, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Rosas resigned in 1852, and with his daughter, Manuela, went to England. He lived in a hotel, then in 1864, purchased a farm near Southampton. He farmed it some, and tried to make it into a little Argentina. He even retained his native gaucho dress. He died at Southampton of Pneumonia on

May 14, 1877. Rosas championed nationalism, but his regime was empty and retrogressive in many respects. He was an astute demagogue, aware of all the popular passions, a master of dictator psychology. Over 22,000 were accounted for as killed in his 1842 reign of terror.

It might be said he got the masses to hate the classes.

Two coin types were struck bearing his portrait. These two types appeared during his lifetime, and were withdrawn from further striking at his own request. - Courtney Coffing

1931-S LINCOLN CENTS

Brilliant Uncirculated Each \$ 1.25 10 Pieces Roll of 50 pcs.... 45.00